

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA  
EASTERN DIVISION

METROPOLITAN LIFE INSURANCE  
COMPANY,

Plaintiff,

v.

AMANDA BRAMBLE, *as Administrator of  
the Estate of Garlette Howard*, DIBON  
TOONE, TRACY CARR, GARLENE  
HOWARD, QUEEN HOWARD, TERRY  
LYNCH, and MERCEDES' FUNERAL  
MANSION AND CREMATION  
SERVICES, LLC,

Civ. No. 4:19-cv-54-D

Defendants.

**ORDER**

This matter is before the Court on the motion ("Motion") by Plaintiff Metropolitan Life Insurance Company ("MetLife") entitled Consent Motion to Amend Complaint and to Amend Order to Deposit Interpleader Funds. The Court finds that good cause exists to grant the motion.

**IT IS ORDERED THAT** this Court grants leave for MetLife to file its Second Amended Complaint. The proposed Second Amended Complaint attached to the Motion as Exhibit A shall be deemed filed as of the date of this order and shall be the operative pleading in this matter.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT** the Deposit Order entered by the Court on August 16, 2019 is amended as follows: MetLife shall tender funds in the amount of \$274,800.00, plus any applicable interest, to the Clerk of this Court, within fourteen (14) days after the date of this Order, and the Clerk of this Court shall receive, hold, and place said funds in an interest bearing account, if possible, subject to further Order of this Court.

**SO ORDERED**, this the 17 day of September, 2019.

J. Dever  
James C. Dever III  
United States District Judge